Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A method of automatically reestablishing a call placed by a mobile unit operating within a radio frequency ("RF") communications network to a called party after said call has been dropped, the method comprising:
detecting that said call has been dropped;
determining whether said call was placed to an emergency number, wherein said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network if said call was placed to an emergency number; and
responsive to a determination that said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network and regardless of a reason for said call being dropped, a mobile switching center ("MSC") of said RF communications network reestablishing said call between said mobile unit and said called party.

Claim 15 (Cancelled)

Claim 16 (Previously presented): The method of claim 14 wherein said determining comprises determining whether said called party is an emergency operator.

Claim 17 (Previously presented): The method of claim 14 wherein said reestablishing comprises said MSC dialing back said mobile unit.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A mobile switching center ("MSC") for automatically reestablishing a call placed by a mobile unit operating within a radio frequency ("RF") communications network to a called party connected to a public switched telephone network ("PSTN") after said call has been dropped, the MSC comprising software instructions executable by said MSC for:

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detecting that said call has been dropped;

determining whether said call was placed to an emergency operator, wherein said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network if said call was placed to an emergency operator; and

responsive to a determination that said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network and regardless of a reason for said call being dropped, reestablishing a connection with said mobile unit, thereby to reestablish said call between said mobile unit and said called party.

Claim 19 (Previously presented): The MSC of claim 18 wherein said software instructions for determining comprise software instructions for determining whether said call was placed to an emergency number.

Claim 20 (Cancelled)

Claim 21 (Previously presented): The MSC of claim 18 wherein said software instructions for reestablishing comprise software instructions for causing said MSC to dial back said mobile unit.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): Apparatus for automatically reestablishing a call placed by a mobile unit operating within a radio frequency (:RF") communications network to a called party after said call has been dropped, the apparatus comprising:

means for detecting that said call has been dropped;

means for determining whether said call was placed to an emergency number, wherein said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network if said call was placed to an emergency number; and

means responsive to a determination that said call is to be automatically reestablished by said RF communications network for reestablishing said call between said mobile unit and said called party independently of any reason for said call being dropped.

Claim 23 (Cancelled)

Claim 24 (Cancelled): The apparatus of claim 22 wherein said means for determining comprises means for determining whether said called party is an emergency operator.

Claim 25 (Previously presented): The apparatus of claim 22 wherein said means for reestablishing comprises means for dialing back said mobile unit.

Claim 26 (Previously presented): The apparatus of claim 22 wherein said called party is connected to said RF communications network via a public switched telephone network ("PSTN").